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Tayside Regional Council

Tayside Regional Council was formed in 1974 under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c.65). Under the Act a two tier system of local government was instituted with regional councils responsible for functions including social work, education, electoral registration, roads, valuation and rating, water and sewerage, police, and fire. Regional councils were elected in 1974 and acted as shadow authorities until May 1975, when they assumed full powers. Tayside Regional Council covered an area of 2897 square miles and had a population of almost 400,000. The new region took in, with some boundary changes, the former county councils of Perthshire, Kinross-shire, and Forfarshire, and the City of Dundee. It also inherited the bus undertakings of Dundee, which it went on to own and operate as a limited company under the terms of the Transport Act 1985 (c.67). District councils were responsible for the more local services. The district councils of City of Dundee, Angus and Perth and Kinross administered the remaining council services. Regional councils and district councils were abolished under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39). They were replaced in 1996 by a single-tier local government structure. Some functions, including water and sewerage, taken over in this instance by North of Scotland Water Board and East of Scotland Water Authority, were removed from local government altogether, and arrangements were made for others to be carried out by the successor authorities jointly. Tayside Regional Council was replaced by the unitary councils of Dundee, Angus, and Perth and Kinross.

TRC Tayside Regional Council, 1974-1996

Minutes, 1976-1978; Valuation rolls, covering Perth and Kinross District Council area, 1975-1987; Registers of electors, covering Perth and Kinross District Council area, 1975-1986, 1990-1993.